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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on February 14, 2012, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. § 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2). This petition lacks item (3) above.

A review of the record shows petitioner submitted a credit card payment in the amount of \$2,880 for payment of the 3 ½ year maintenance fee in the amount of \$1,240 and the unintentional surcharge in amount of \$1,640, on February 14, 2012. However, since the patent expired for non-payment of the 7 ½ year maintenance fee, this patent cannot be reinstated until the deficiency of \$185 (1425–1240) has been submitted¹.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

¹ Effective September 26, 2011, the 7 ½ small entity maintenance fee was increased from \$1,240 to \$1,425.

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the petition fee of \$400 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted above, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Commissioner.

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